

## **Young Faculty Award 2015**

### **DARPA-RA-15-32 Frequently Asked Questions**

- 1) I noticed that the Research Announcement number has changed. Which of the Announcements should I submit my proposal to?**

DARPA-RA-15-32 is an updated Research Announcement. There were some minor edits to the technical section (topic areas) from the previous announcement, but the contracting language and application instructions remain the same. You should submit your proposal to DARPA-RA-15-32.

- 2) Does the 2015 YFA Research Announcement allow co-PIs or subcontractors?**

No.

- 3) The BAA specifies single-investigator proposal only, and precludes subcontracting. Am I allowed to include another faculty member at my university, if they are included in a supporting role, and not listed as a Co-PI?**

Yes.

- 4) I am a young investigator at a research institute which is a small not-for-profit group. As a not-for-profit business, we do not have tenure-track positions. Do I qualify as part of an equivalent non-profit research institution?**

If the proposer is from a non-profit science and technology research institution a determination of eligibility must be made using the following guidance:

- The PI is within 5 years of the appointment hire date.
- The employing organization does not offer tenure track appointments.
- The appointment is a continuing appointment (soft-money appointments and/or visiting appointments do not apply and will not be considered).

- 5) Is a Ph.D. required?**

No.

- 6) I am considering applying to other Young Investigator programs sponsored by other agencies. Does that disqualify me from proposing to (or being selected for) the DARPA YFA grant?**

No.

- 7) I would like to request a meeting with a specific YFA topic POC. Is this possible?**

No. Unfortunately, due to the high volume of responses to this RA, YFA topic POCs are unable to accommodate such meetings. However, if you have a specific question you may send it to [DARPA-RA-15-32@darpa.mil](mailto:DARPA-RA-15-32@darpa.mil).

- 8) Under what topic is my research most applicable?**

It is up to you to choose the most appropriate topic area for your proposed research. As stated in the RA, please note that "DARPA reserves the right to assign proposals to a different topic area than what was proposed."

- 9) My idea fits into multiple topic areas and/or subtopic areas. May I submit to all topics and/or subtopics that are applicable?**

No. You may submit to ONE and only one topic area and ONE subtopic area if applicable. It is up to you as the proposer to choose a topic area/ and or subtopic area from the twenty three technical topic areas listed in DARPA-RA-15-32 that most closely aligns with your proposed idea.

- 10) I am [a non-U.S. citizen/a Permanent Resident/here on a Green Card/etc.]; can I apply to YFA? Do I need to be able to obtain a security clearance to be eligible for YFA?**

There is no language in the RA prohibiting a non-U.S. citizen/Permanent Resident/person here on a Green Card/etc. from applying to this RA; all such persons MAY apply to this RA. It is NOT a requirement of the RA that proposers be eligible to obtain a U.S. security clearance.

**11) I started my assistant professor position in the Spring of 2010. How is the 5-year time window calculated?**

The 5-year time window is calculated from your date of hire for your current tenure-track appointment to assistant or associate professor, to the date that proposals are due (April 13, 2015). If you were appointed to a tenure-track position before April 13, 2010, you are not eligible to apply.